W-WHAT...?
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?

IS THIS
WHAT ARE

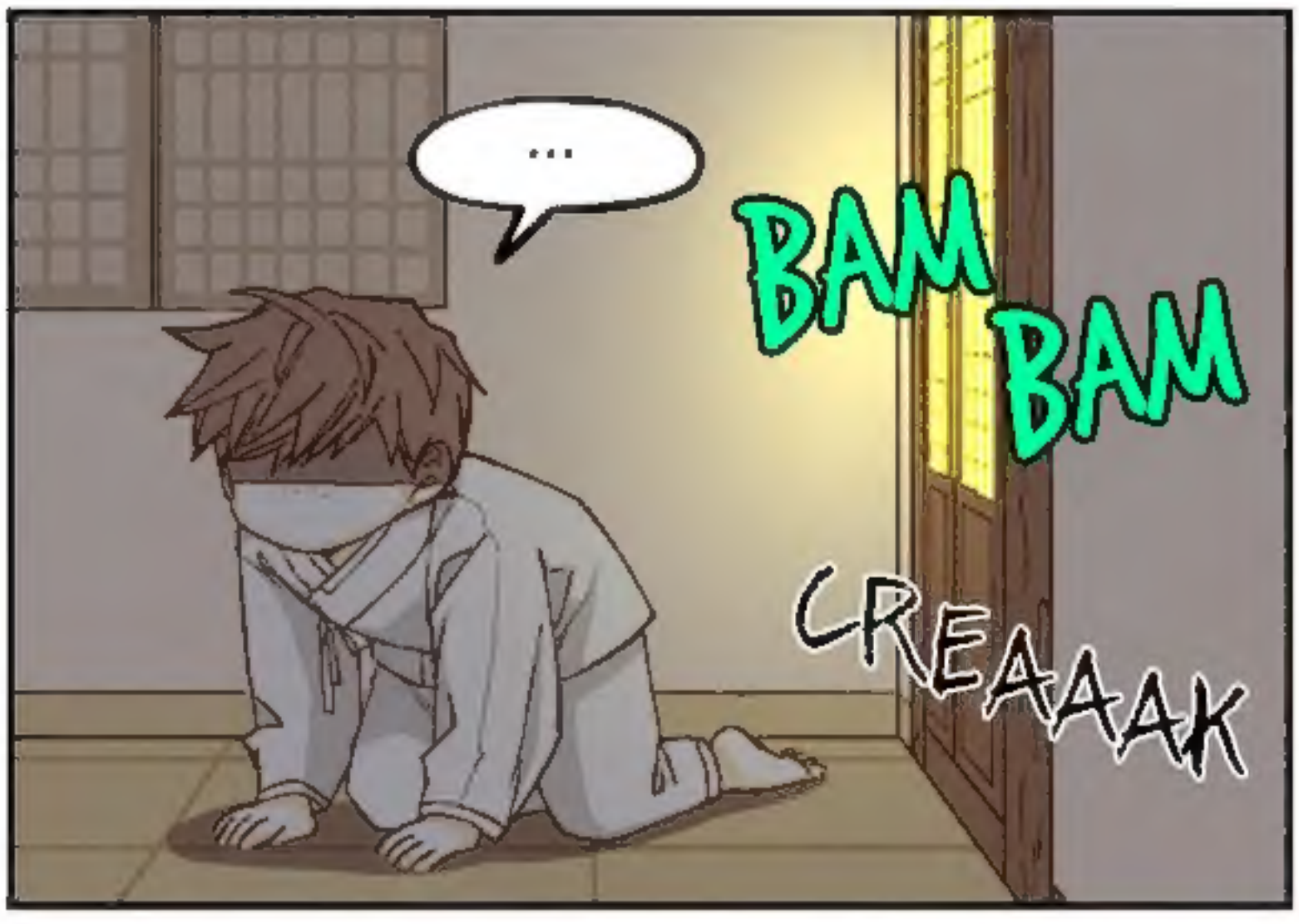
AN ALIEN INVASION OR SOMETHING?

THOSE THINGS FLOATING AROUND OUTSIDE?

WHY ARE THEY FLOATING IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WHAT ARE THEY?

THUD


...
BAM
BAM
CREAAAK

I SHOULD JUST SLEEP.
I GOTTA GO BACK TO SLEEP...
BAM
CREAAAAAK
I'LL JUST IGNORE IT.
CRASH

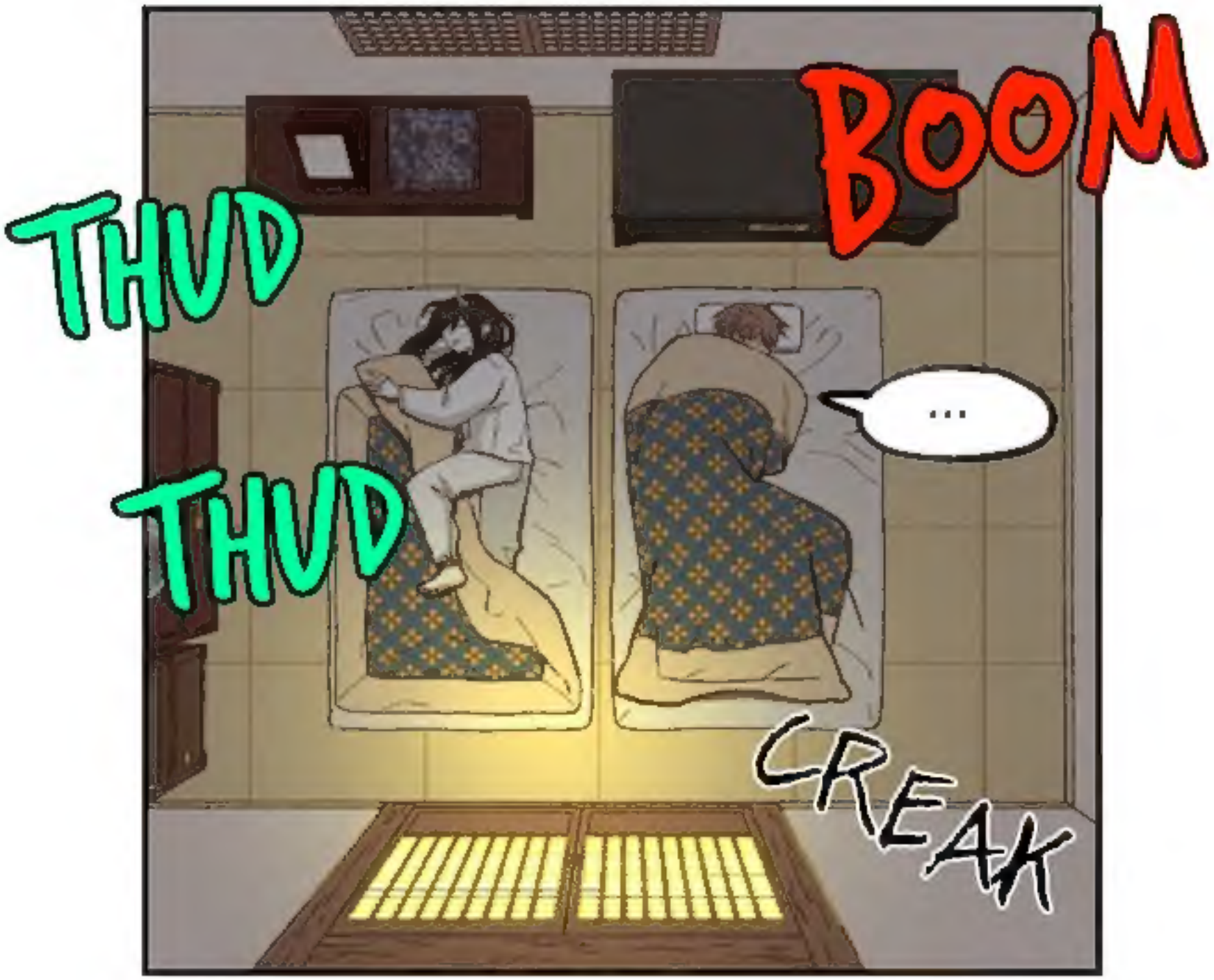
IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I GO RUNNING OUT THERE.

PEOPLE WHO TAKE UNNECESSARY RISKS WHEN OTHERS BEG THEM NOT TO...

DAVID!

NOOO

...ARE ALWAYS THE FIRST ONES TO DIE IN APOCALYPTIC MOVIES.


THUD
BOOM
...
THUD
CREAK

BAM

...PLEASE JUST LET ME SLEEP.

THUD

THUD

TRICKLE

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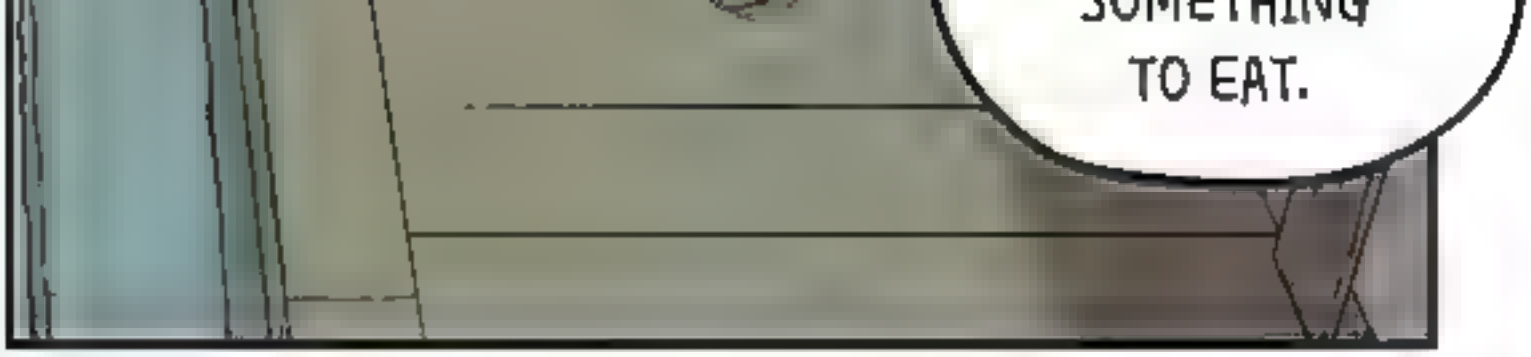
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DEAD?

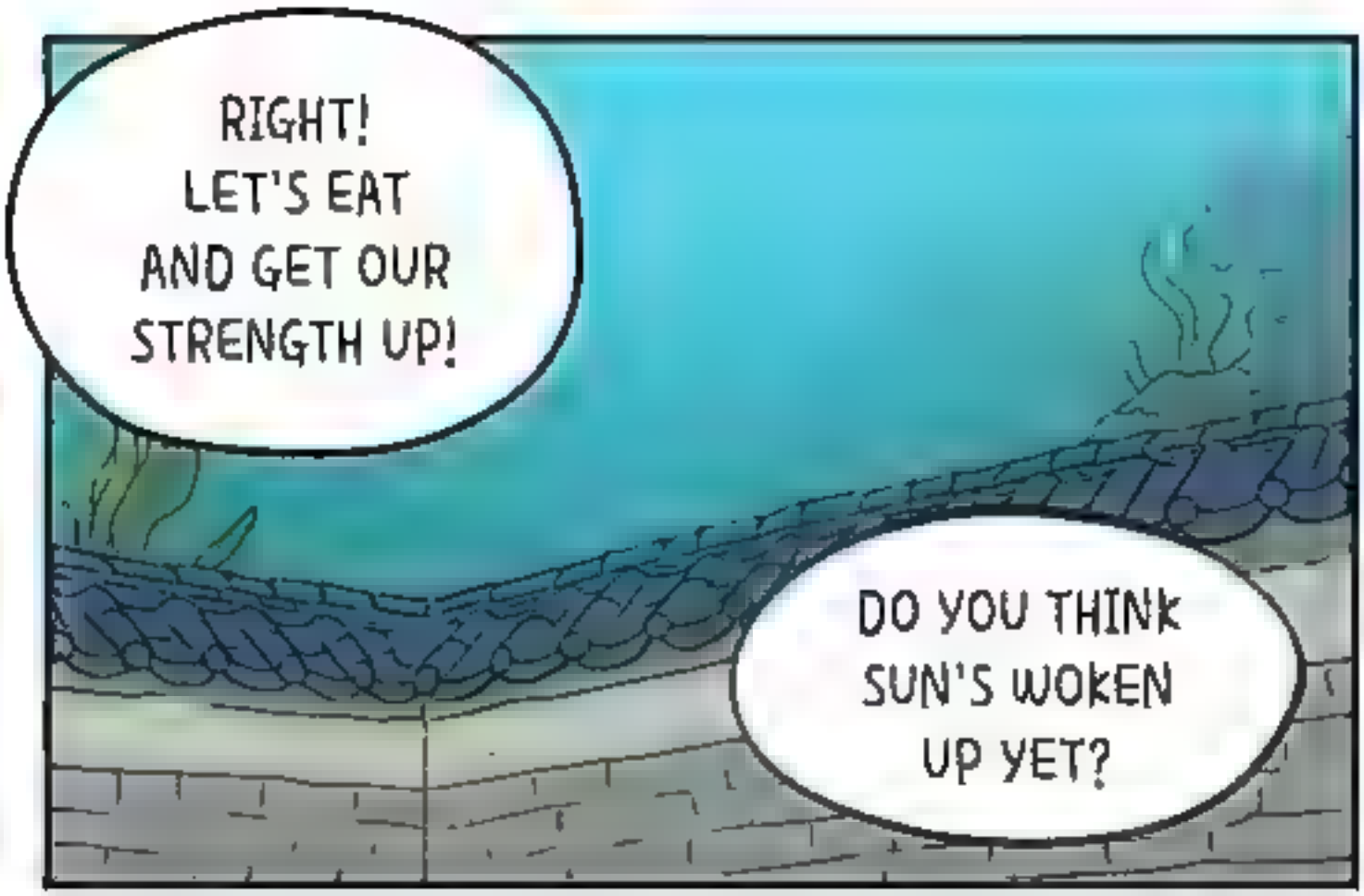
DID YOU NOT SLEEP WELL?

...NO, BUT YOU WERE SLEEPING *QUITE* WELL.

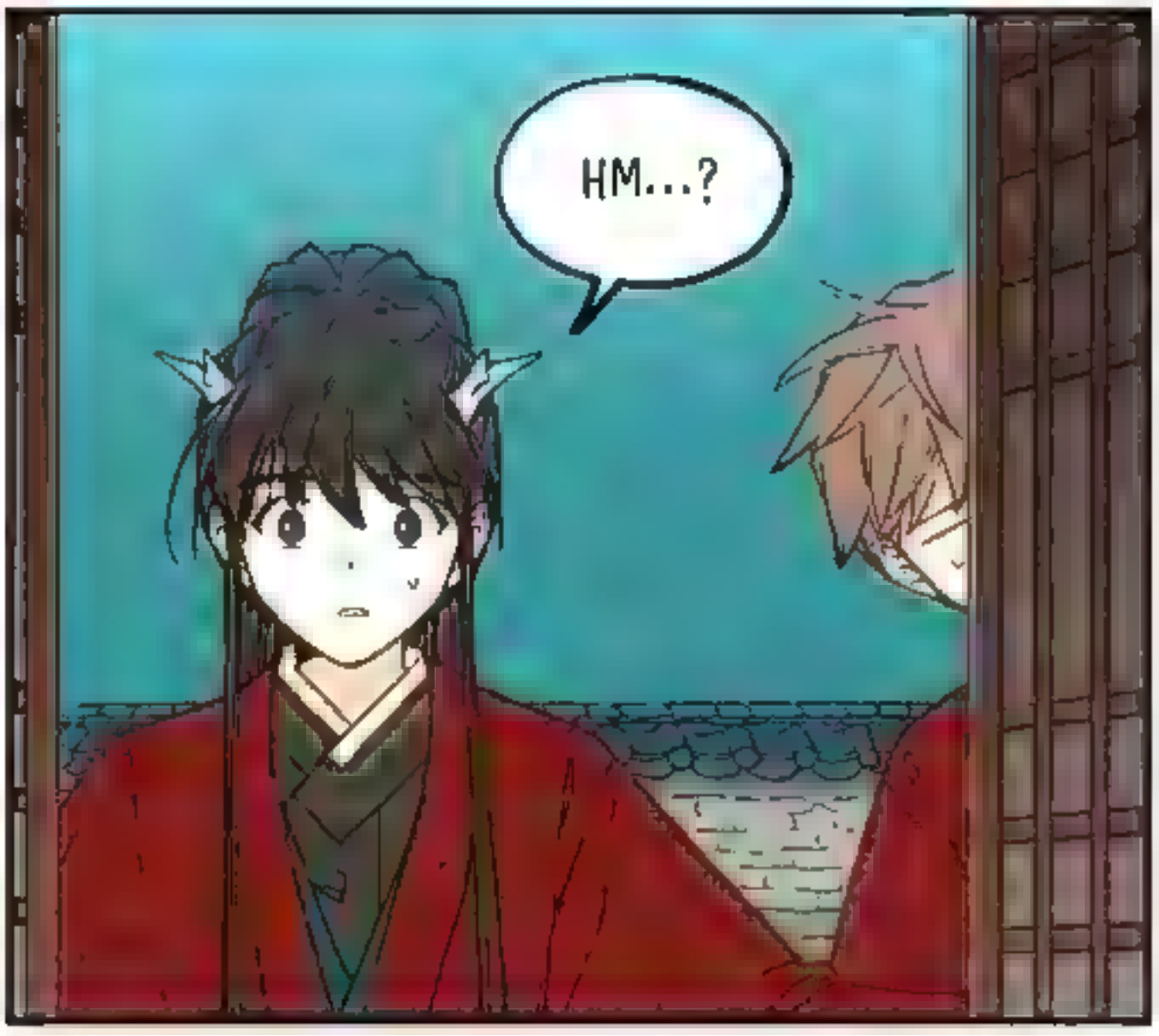
DO YOU WANT TO REST A BIT MORE?

IT'S FINE... LET'S JUST GET


SOMETHING
TO EAT.


RIGHT!
LET'S EAT
AND GET OUR
STRENGTH UP!
DO YOU THINK
SUN'S WOKEN
UP YET?

SU-- YEONGNO! DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
HEY, KNOCK FIRST! DON'T JUST THROW THE DOORS OPEN...
WANT US TO BRING YOU BREAKFAST?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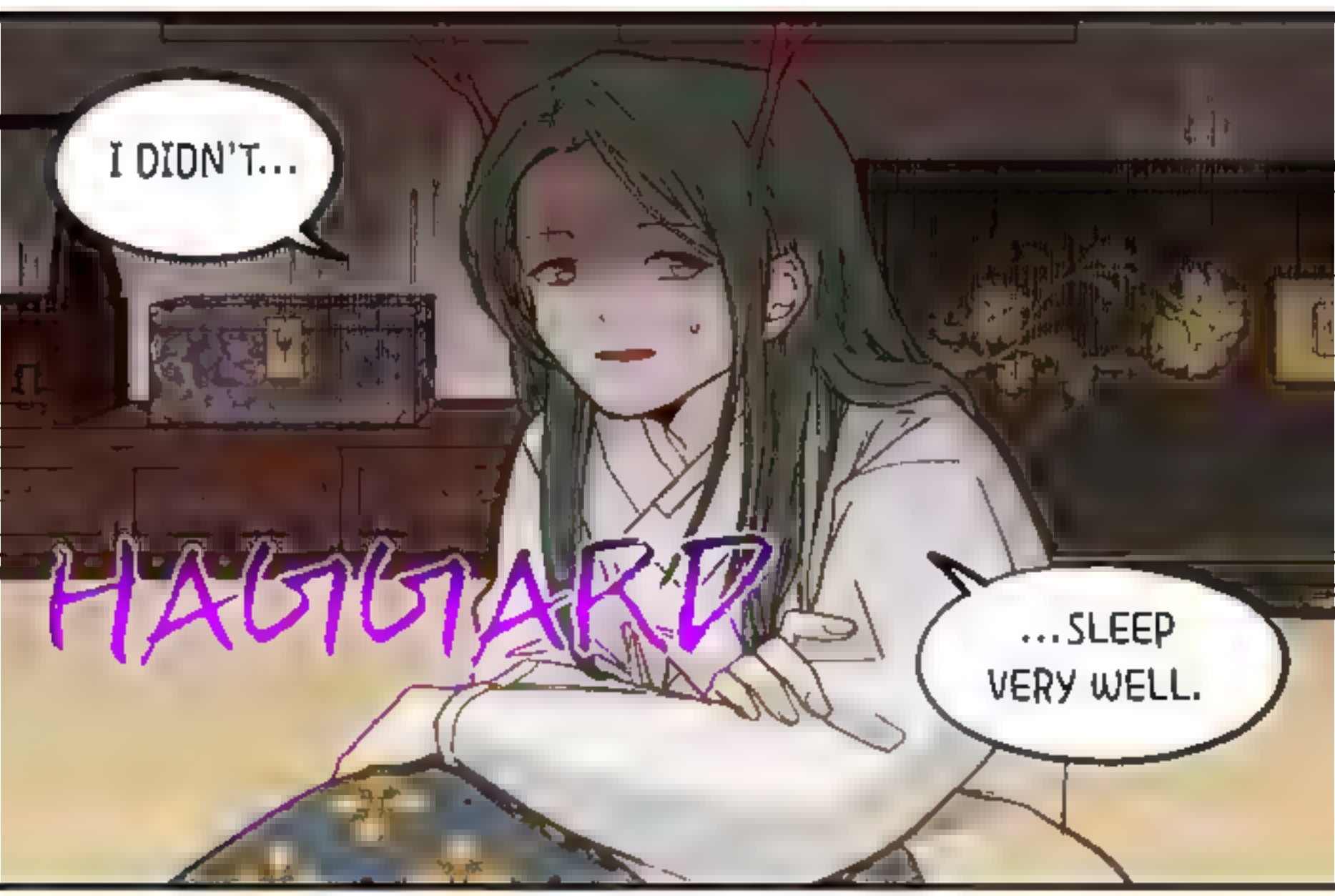

I DIDN'T...
HAGGARD
...SLEEP VERY WELL.

SO ...
DID YOU SEE IT TOO, SUN?
THE STUFF FLYING AROUND LAST NIGHT?

I WAS SO SCARED THAT I HID UNDER MY BLANKET.
SO I ONLY HEARD THE NOISES...
EXACTLY!
IT SOUNDED KIND OF LIKE METAL SCRAPING AGAINST METAL, BUT ALSO SOMETHING HUGE BEING BROKEN APART...

WAIT!

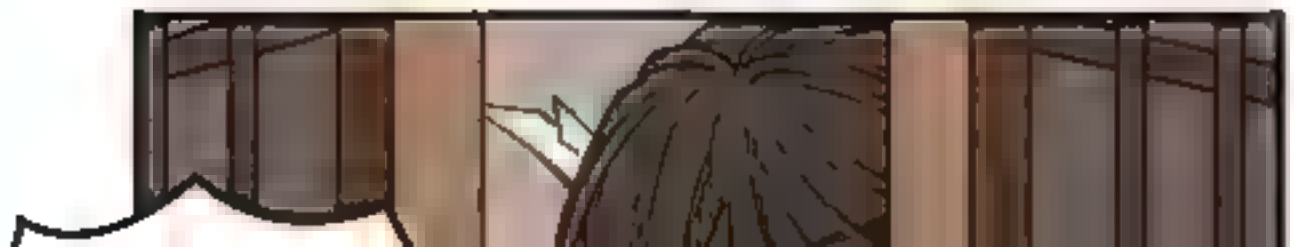
LET GO!

WHAT'D

I DO WRONG?

I SAID LET ME GO!

YOU ARE BEING EXPELLED FOR BREAKING THE RULES.

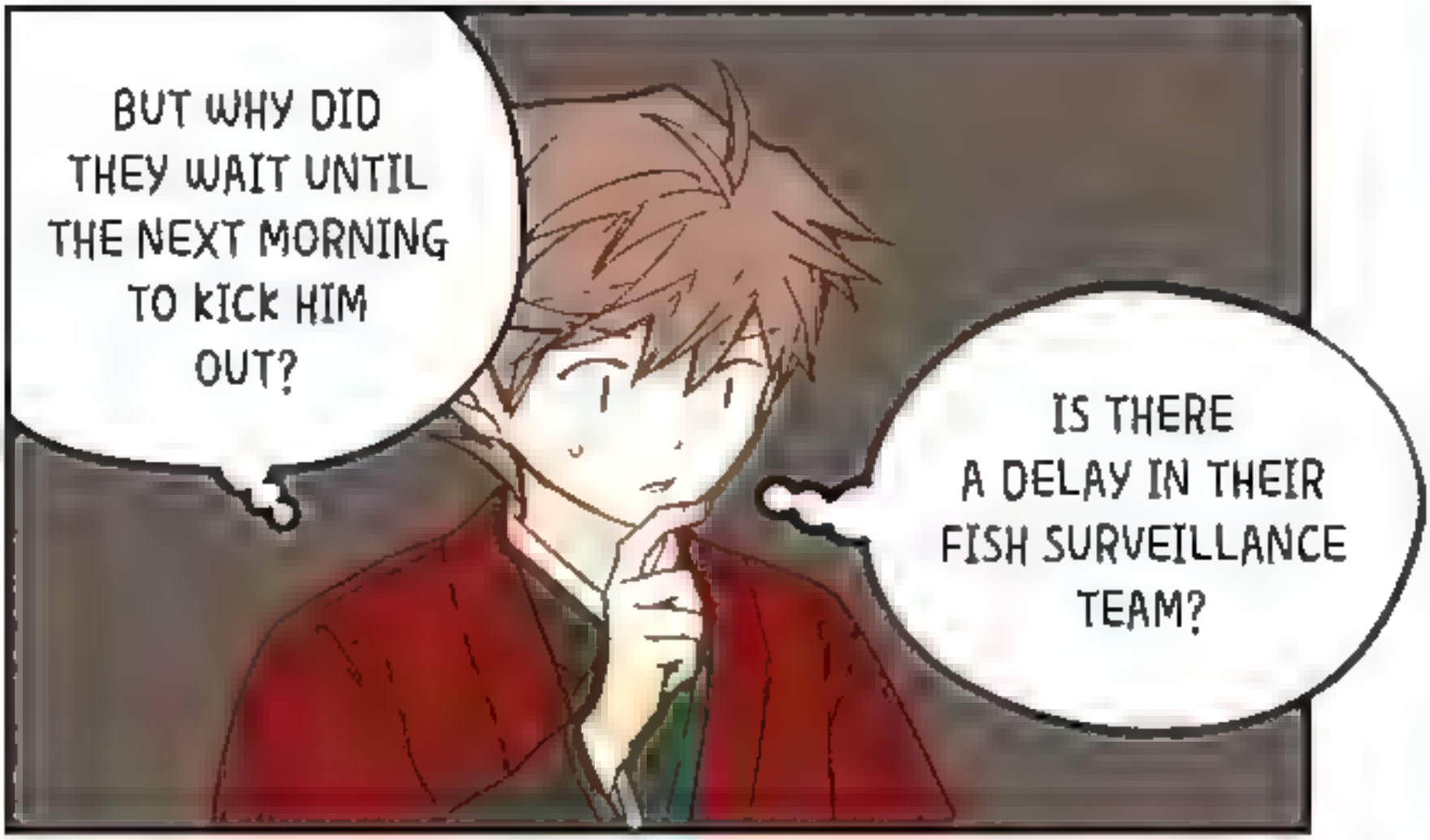


BUT
I ONLY--

GOODBYE.

LET
GO OF ME!
JUST GIVE ME
A CHANCE!

...WELL, THERE'S
OUR FIRST VICTIM.


BUT WHY DID THEY WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING TO KICK HIM OUT?
IS THERE A DELAY IN THEIR FISH SURVEILLANCE TEAM?

I WONDER HOW MIRI'S FARING.

HE
ALWAYS ACTS FIRST,
THINKS LATER...

IF HE WAS
GETTING THROWN OUT,
HE WOULD HAVE MADE
A WAY BIGGER FUSS
THAN THAT GUY
JUST NOW.

NOD NOD

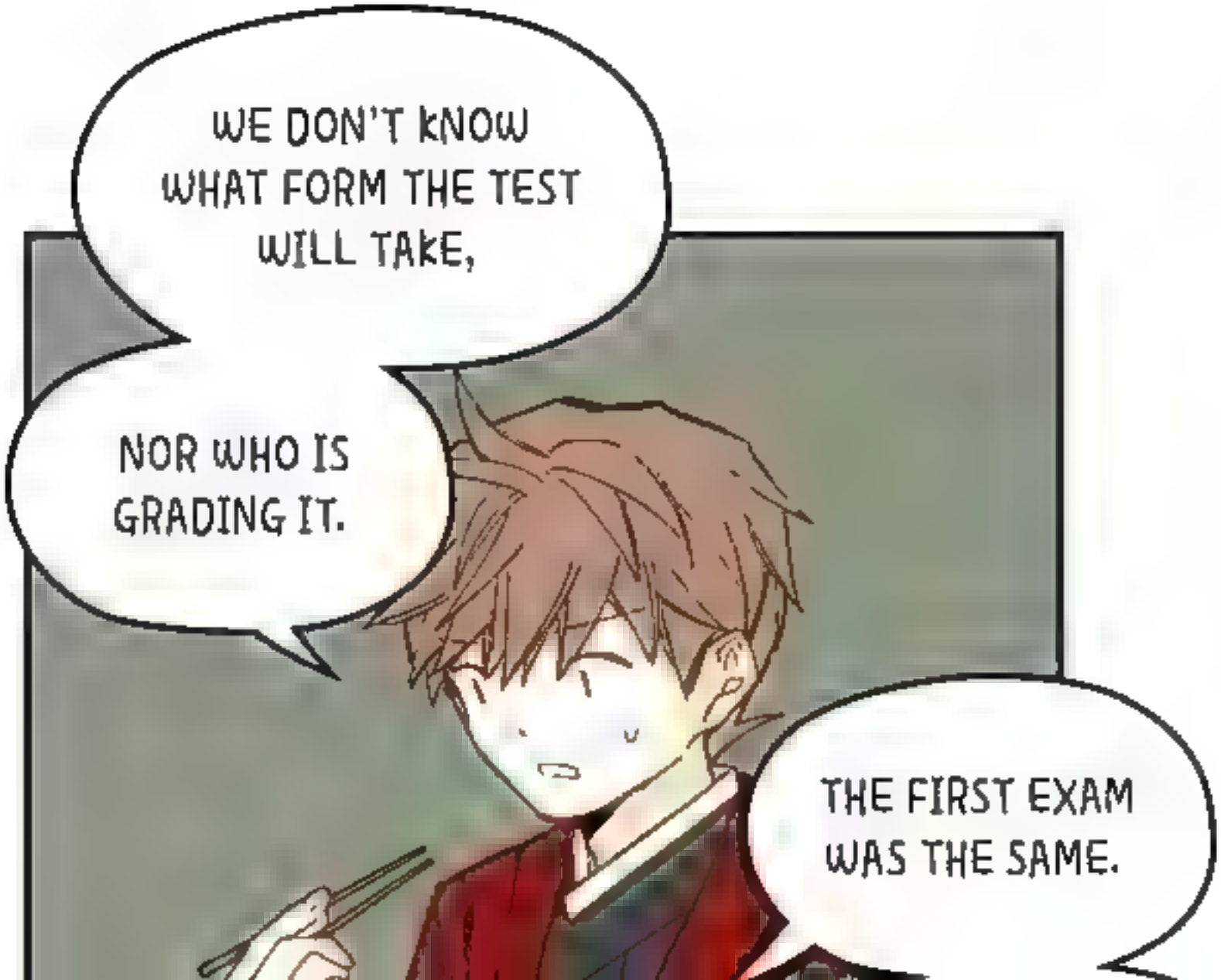
...

BUT HE HASN'T,
SO IT LOOKS LIKE HE
MADE IT THROUGH THE
NIGHT ALL RIGHT.

SO ABOUT
THE EXAM...

YOU SAID
IT WAS ABOUT
HUMANS,
RIGHT?

BUT
I'M NOT SURE
HOW TO PREPARE
FOR THE TEST BECAUSE
THE TOPIC IS SO
BROAD.


WE DON'T KNOW
WHAT FORM THE TEST
WILL TAKE,
NOR WHO IS
GRADING IT.
THE FIRST EXAM
WAS THE SAME.

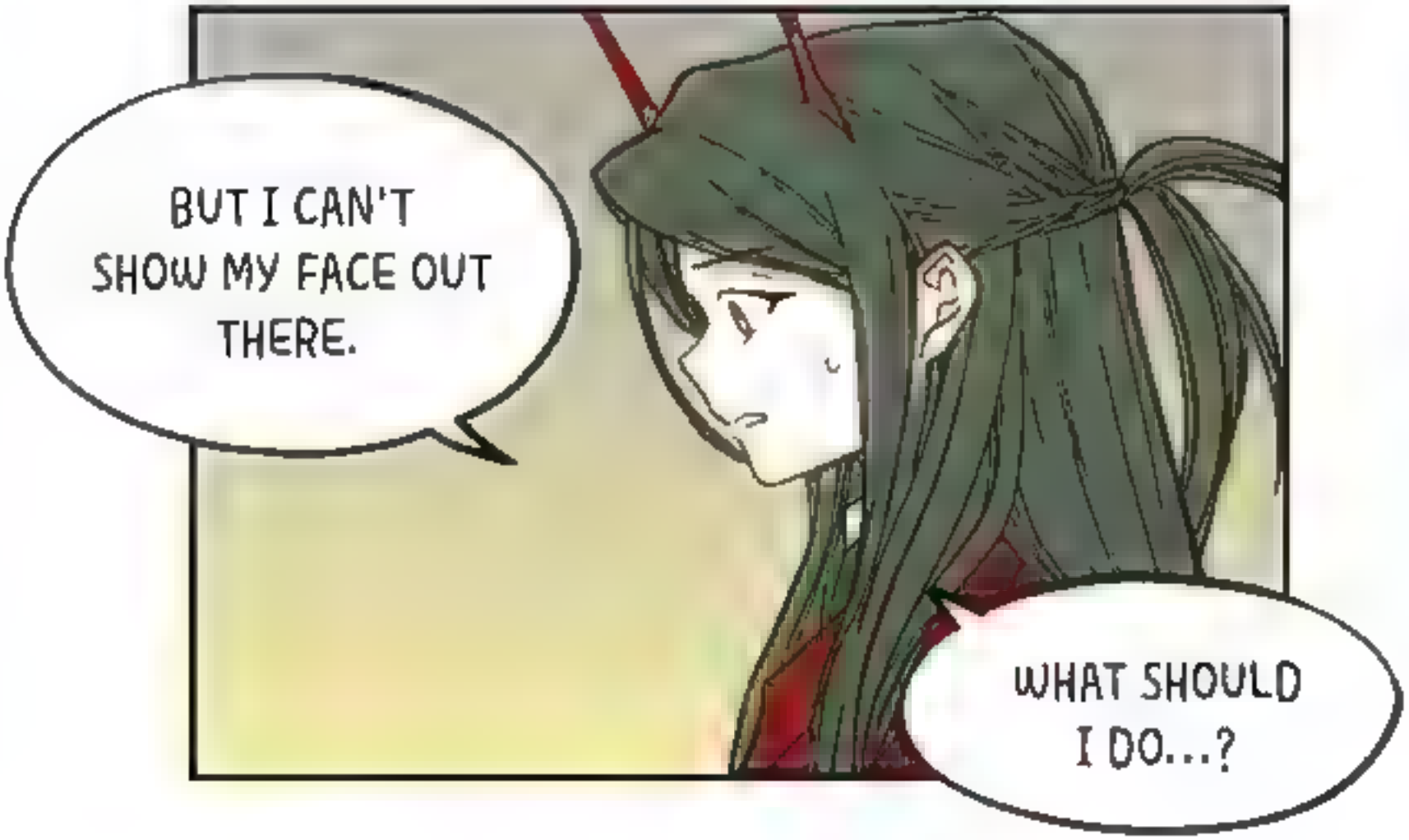
ALL OUR CONJECTURES WERE TOTALLY WRONG.

BUT THIS TIME AROUND, WE'RE ACTUALLY IN THE TESTING SITE. AND WE'RE AS CLOSE AS WE'VE EVER BEEN TO WHOEVER IS ADMINISTERING THE EXAM THIS TIME.

FOR THREE DAYS AT THAT.

MAYBE WE CAN USE THAT TIME TO

FIGURE OUT WHAT WILL BE ON THE TEST WITHOUT BREAKING THE RULES.



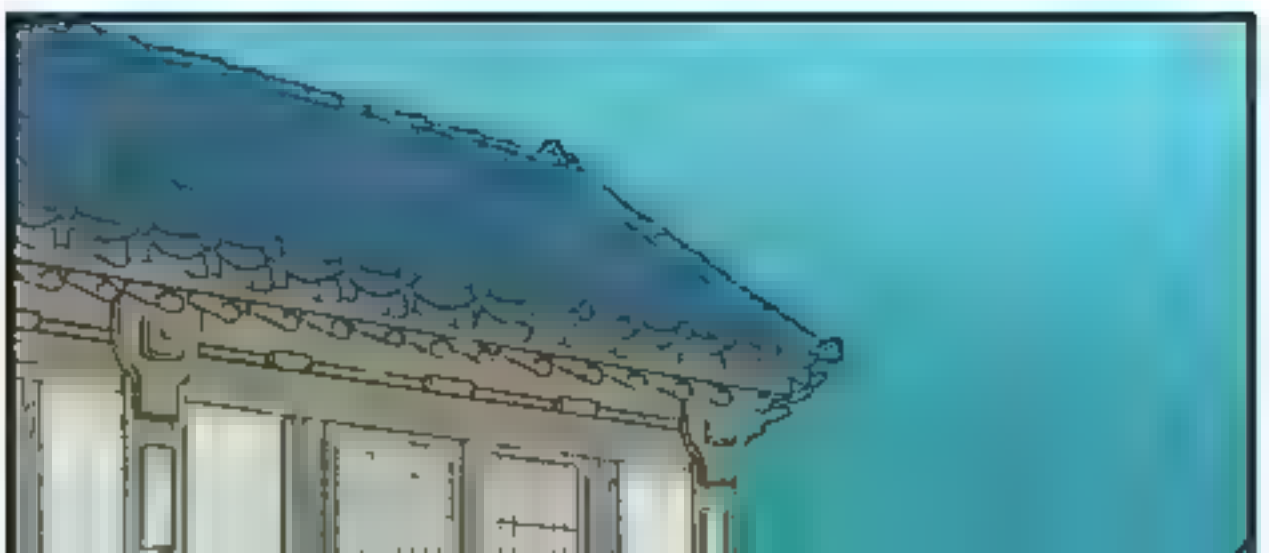
WE'LL FIRST MAKE A QUICK ROUND AND TRY TO GATHER INFORMATION.

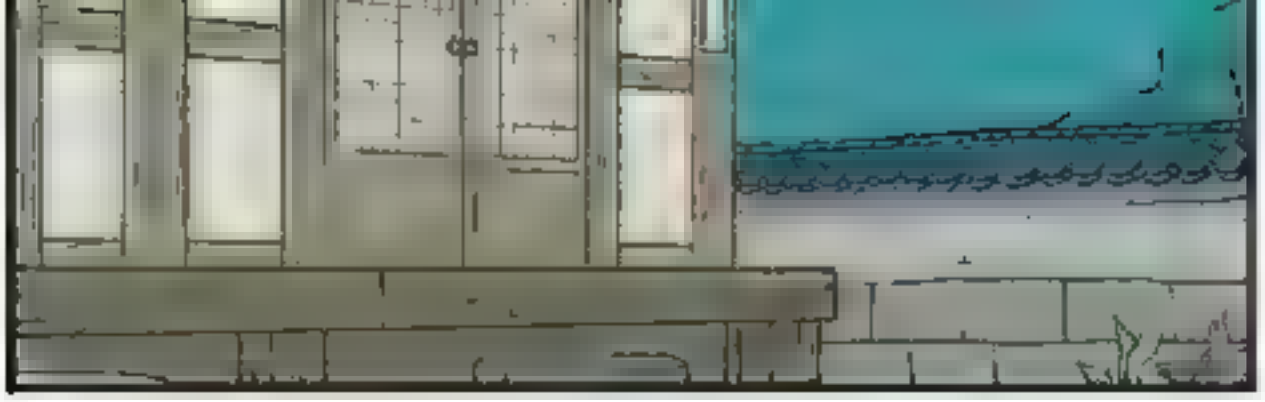
YOUR PRIORITY IS TO KEEP YOUR TRUE IDENTITY A SECRET, SO

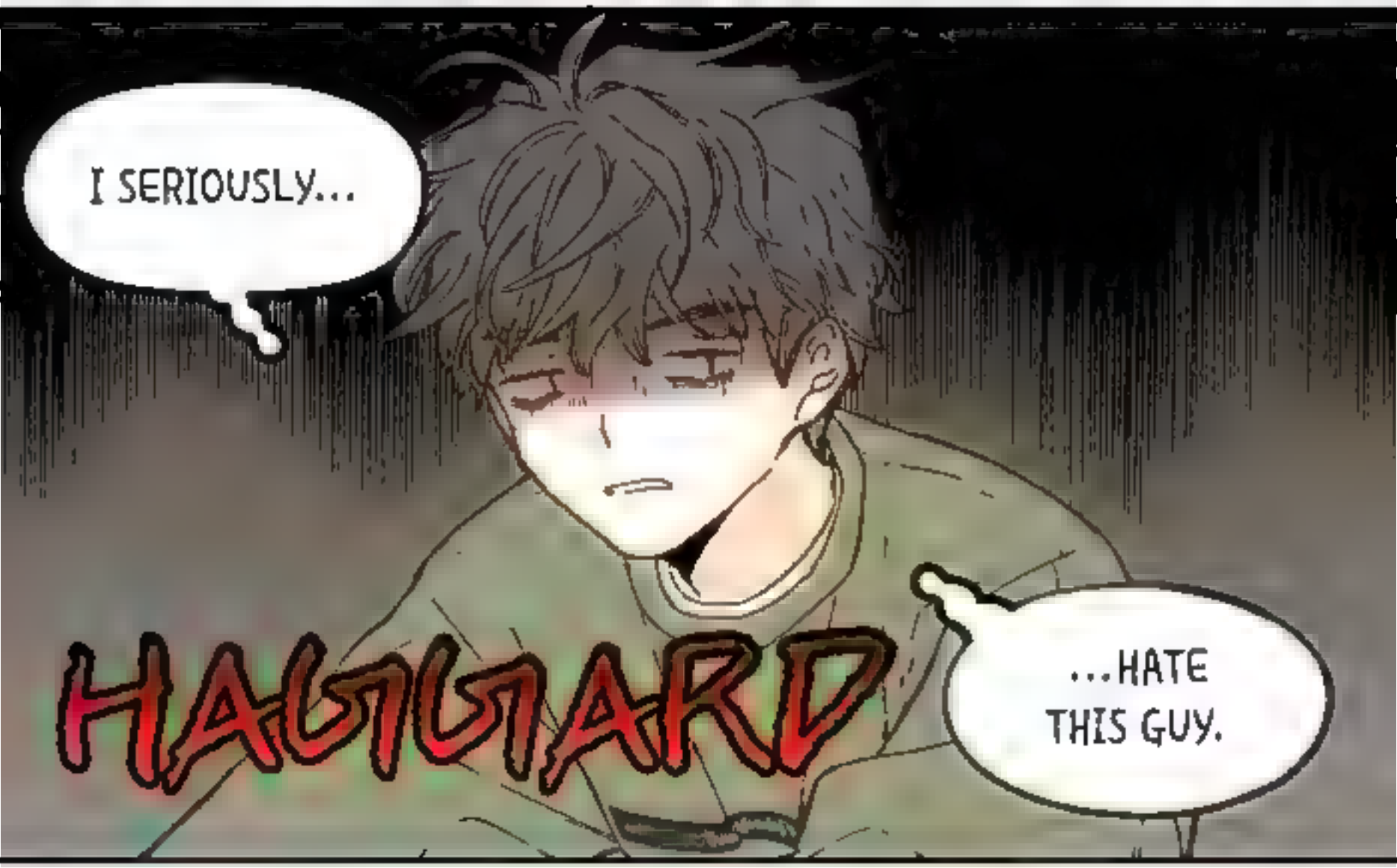
JUST REST UP FOR NOW.

...

NOD






I SERIOUSLY...
HAGUARD
...HATE THIS GUY.

HE COMES IN HERE AND IMMEDIATELY GOES ON A RAMPAGE.
I GUESS HE EXHAUSTED HIMSELF FROM TEARING UP THE ROOM.
DID HE PASS OUT OR IS HE JUST ASLEEP?

I WANNA JUST TOSS HIM OUT SOMEWHERE RIGHT ABOUT NOW...
NGH...
FLINCH

HIC
MY YEOUIJU...

HEY!

AT LEAST GO UNDER THE BLANKET IF YOU'RE GONNA SLEEP!

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!

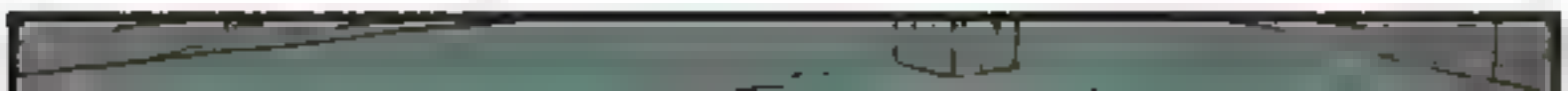
CREAK

UM...

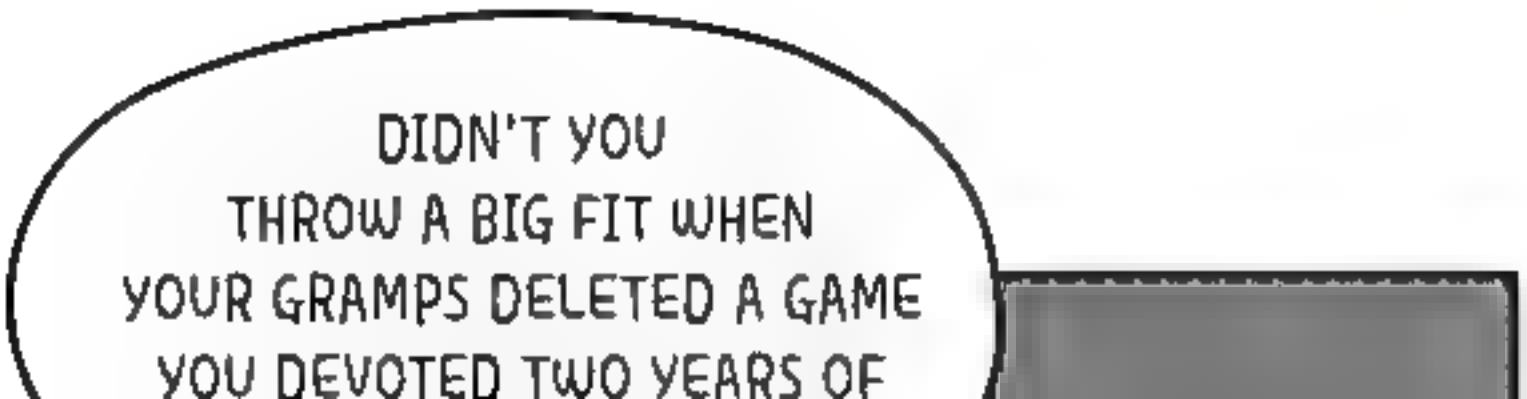
PARDON ME.

HAVE YOU CHANGED? WE'LL WASH YOUR CLOTHES--

EEEk!
WHAT HAPPENED IN HERE?
UH... SORRY.
DO YOU TAKE CREDIT CARDS?



LIGHTEN UP.
POUTING ISN'T GONNA BRING BACK YOUR ORB OR WHATEVER IT IS.


DIDN'T YOU THROW A BIG FIT WHEN YOUR GRAMPS DELETED A GAME YOU DEVOTED TWO YEARS OF

YOUR LIFE PLAYING?

FLINCH

...

WELL,
IMAGINE YOU SPENT
A THOUSAND YEARS.

A THOUSAND FREAKING YEARS!

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CALM DOWN?

I THOUGHT

IT'D BE FINE AS LONG AS YOU RECOVERED ALL OF THE MISSING SHARDS.

I DON'T KNOW. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE IMOOGI HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE.

THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.

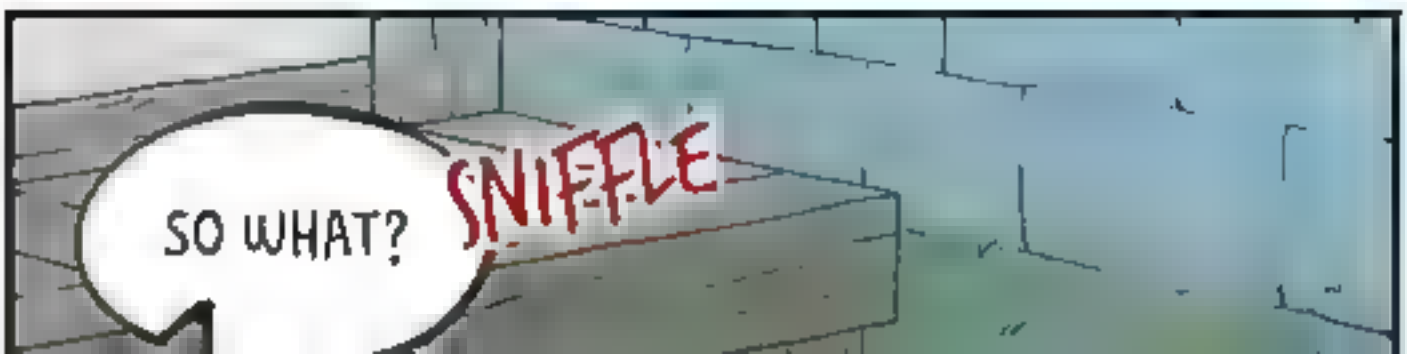
I HAVE NO IDEA IF A SHATTERED YEOUIJU CAN

BE PUT BACK TOGETHER.

TEARY

NOT TO MENTION IT'S CURRENTLY BEING USED TO DECEIVE...

WIFE
WIFE
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEONE ELSE'S ORB?


SO WHAT?
SNIFFLE

SO IF YOU CAN'T FIND ALL OF YOURS...

...CAN'T YOU JUST TAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S PIECES...

...AND
GLUE THEM ALL
TOGETHER?

...

HUH?
SNIFFLE

SO, IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN HERE BESIDES THE EXAMINEES ARE THE LITTLE HELPERS...

AND EVEN THOUGH THE BELTFISH ARE STANDING GUARD OUTSIDE, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE ALLOWED TO COME AND GO.

SHF

SHF

I SUPPOSE IT DOESN'T MATTER AS LONG AS WE STAY INSIDE THE PALACE.

AS FOR THE TALLEST BUILDING ON THE SOUTH SIDE... DO YOU THINK THAT'S WHERE THE DRAGON KING LIVES?

PROBABLY.

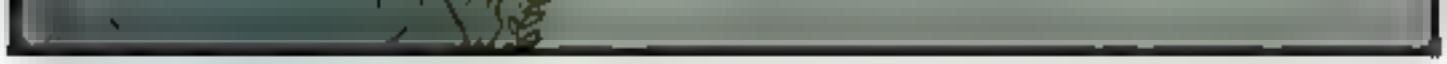
IS THAT WHERE THE EXAM WILL TAKE PLACE?

DO YOU TAKE FINALS AT YOUR PROFESSOR'S HOUSE?

STEP

OF COURSE NOT

OF COURSE NOT.
THERE'S PROBABLY
A SEPARATE PLACE JUST
FOR THE EXAM.



I'M ANGRY, BUT LIKE YOU SAID, THE EXAM COMES FIRST.
WE'RE STILL BOUND BY OUR PACT, SO I GOTTA MOVE ON.

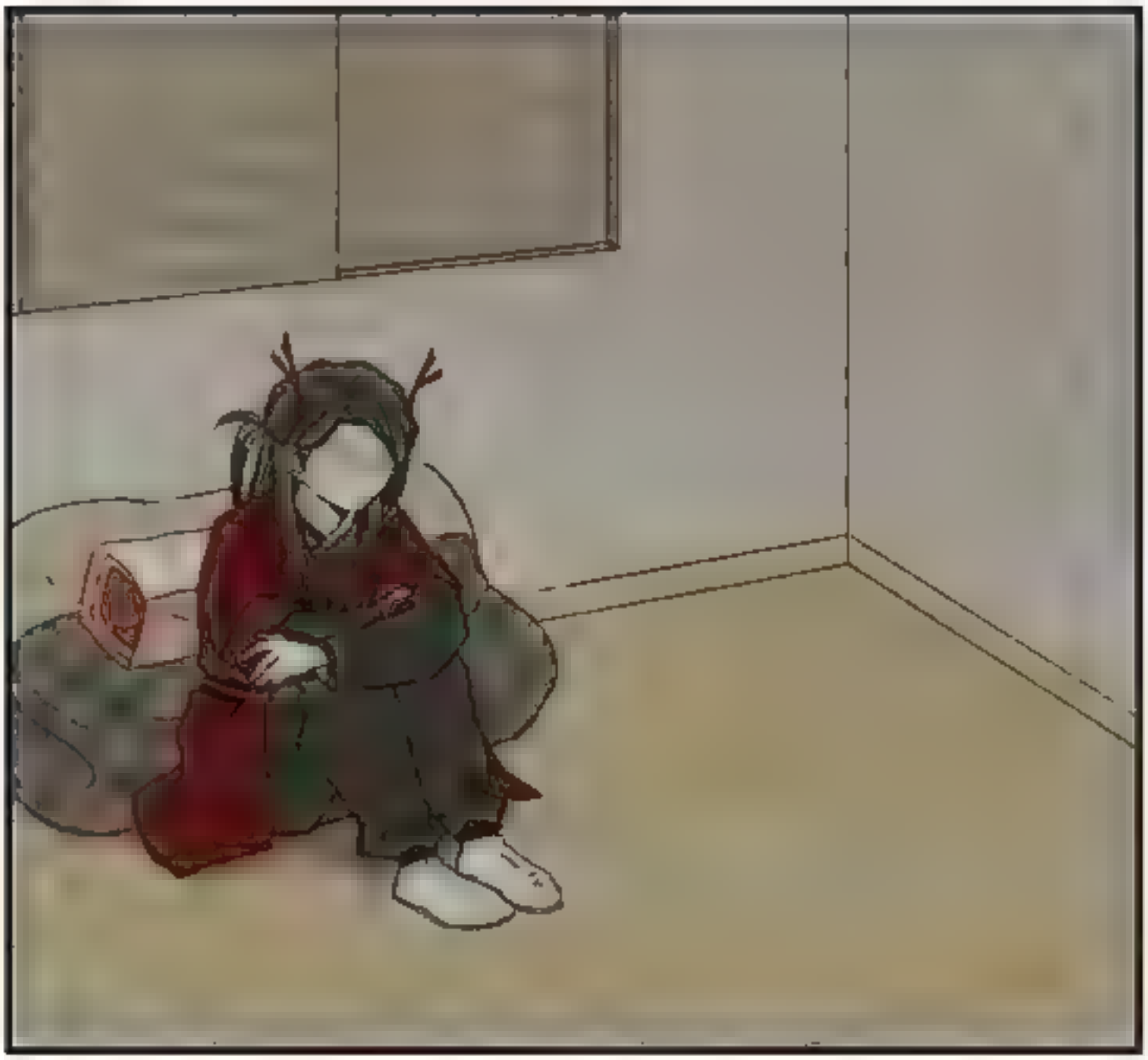
SO...
...WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE EAST SEA DRAGON KING?

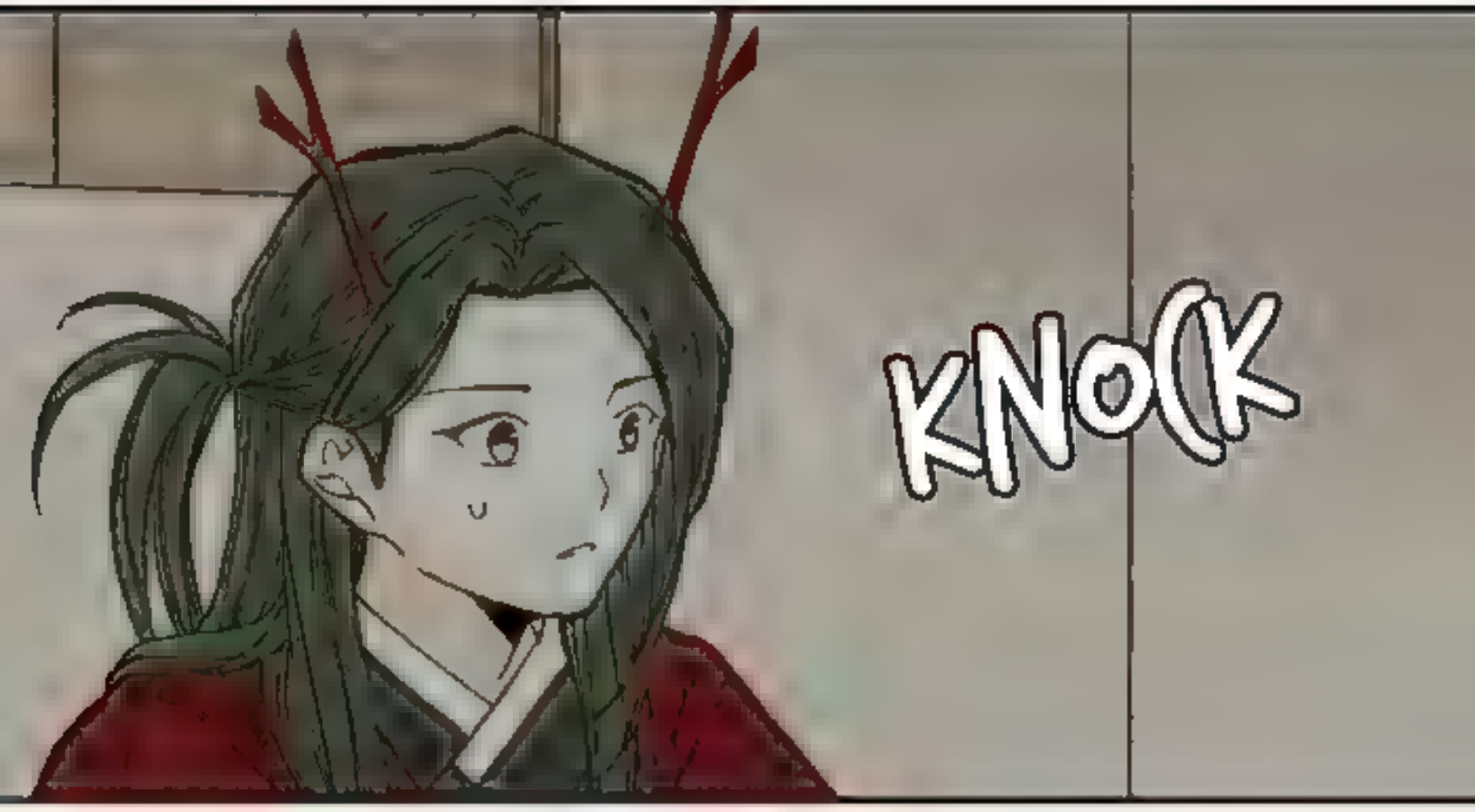
WELL, NOTHING.
AND I'M SURE THE SAME GOES FOR THE OTHER IMOOGI TOO.
MOST IMOOGI DON'T GET THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE BEING IN THE OCEAN.

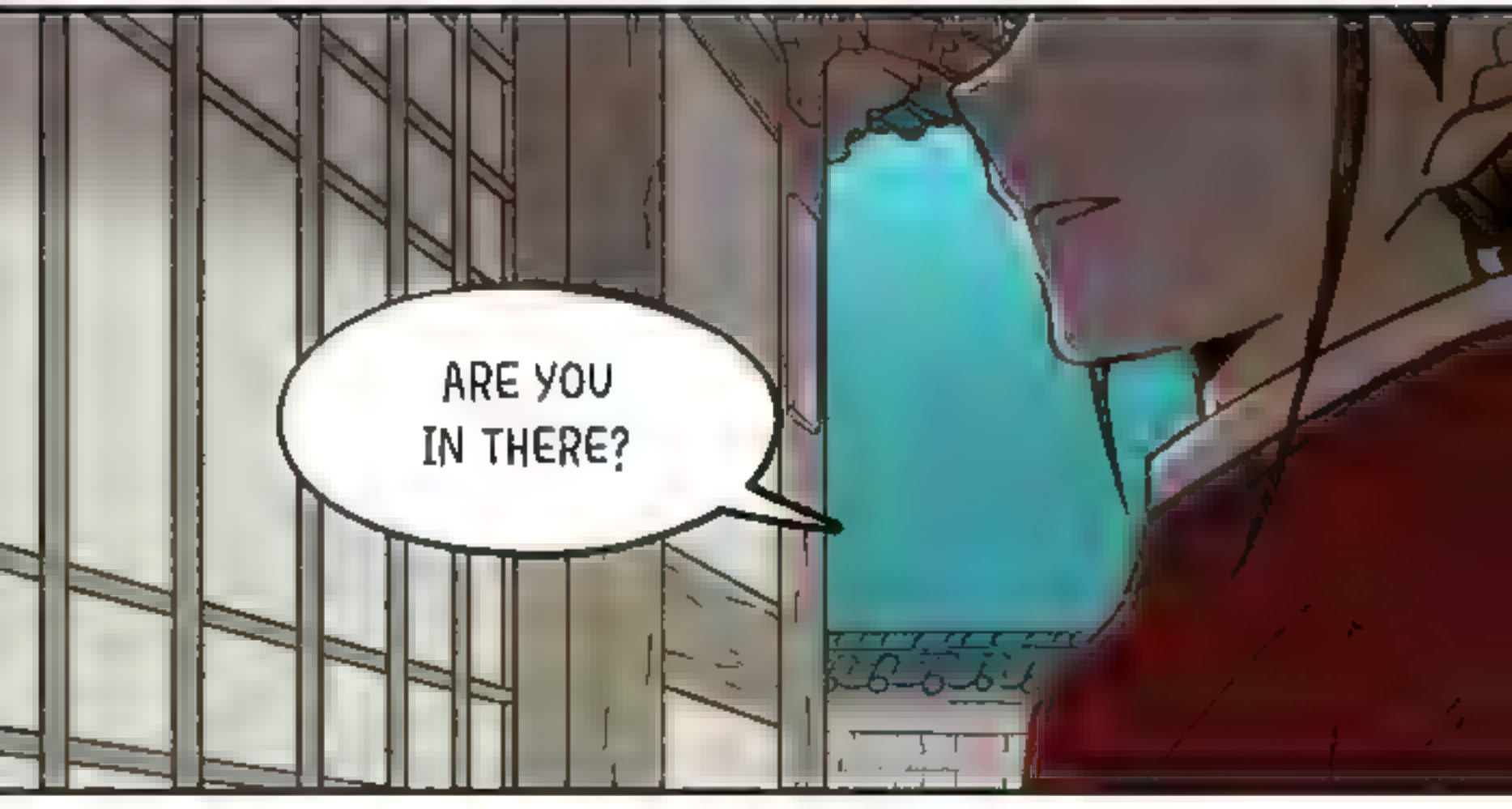
THAT'S TRUE...
...!
MAYBE YISHIMI KNOWS SOMETHING!

EVEN IF HE DID, WOULD HE TELL HIS COMPETITORS?
...TRUE.
UGH

SO...
...WHERE IS YISHIMI STAYING ANYWAY?

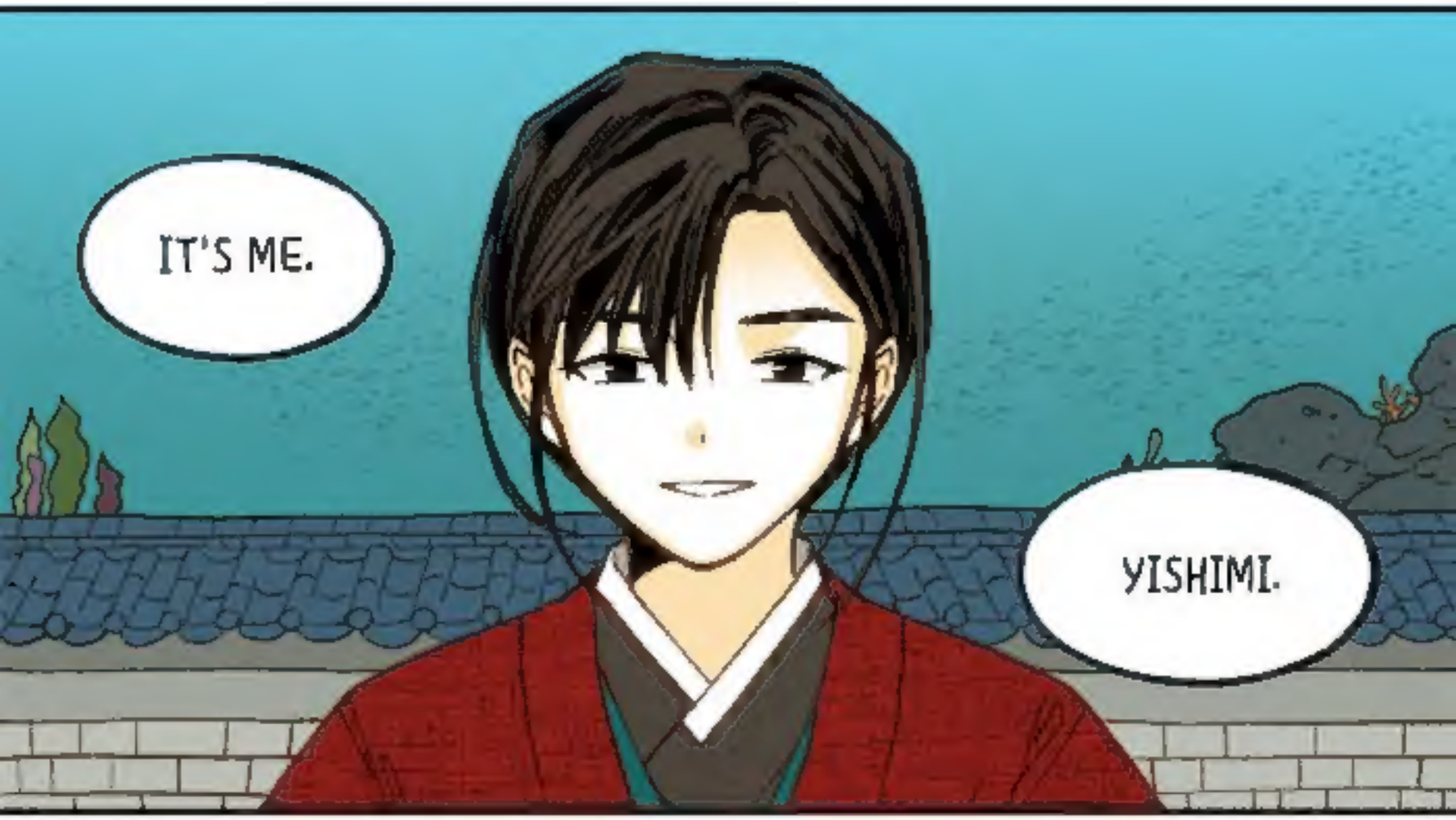


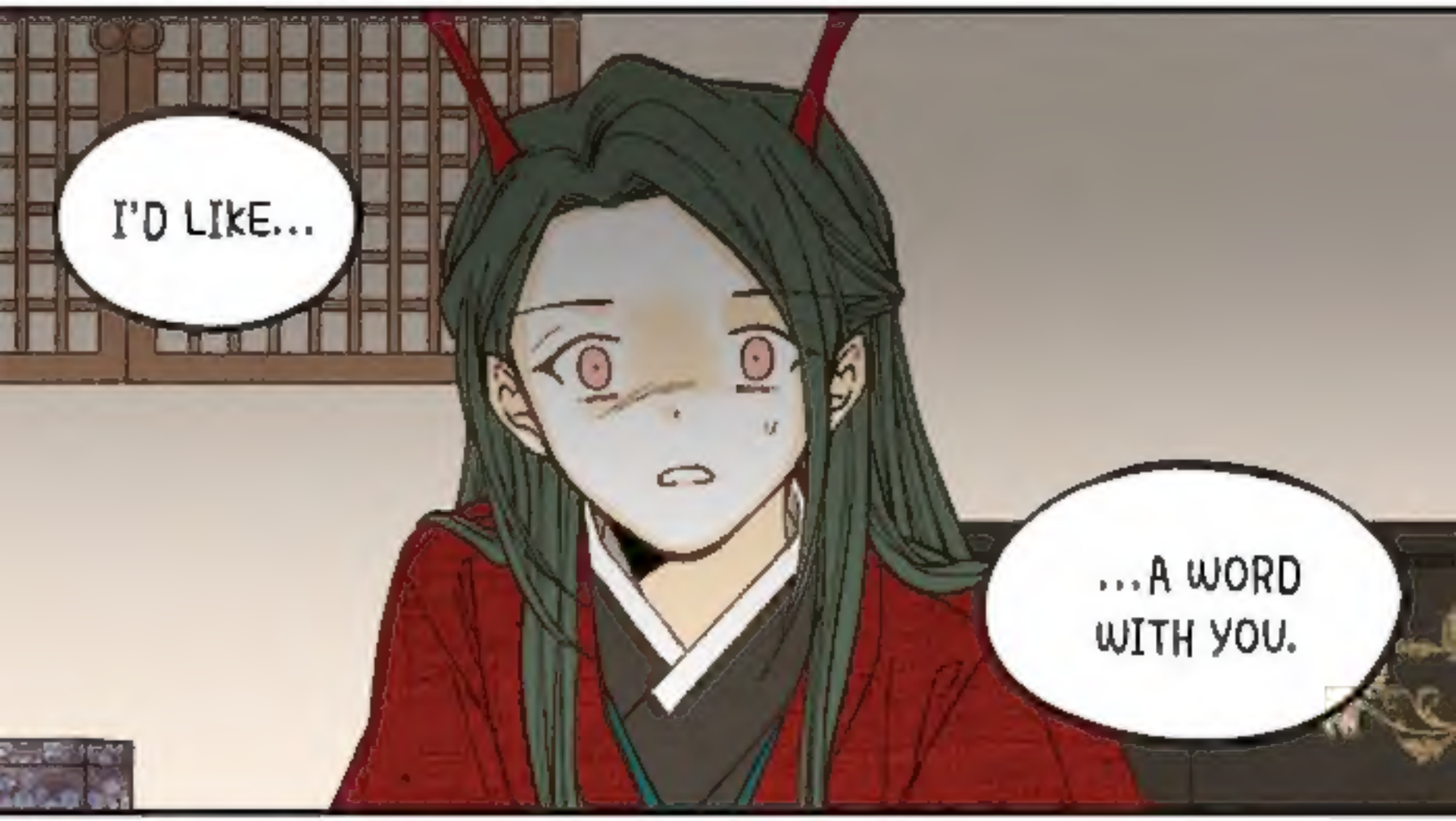

KNOCK


ARE YOU
IN THERE?

WHO...

WHO IS IT?


IT'S ME.
YISHIMI.


I'D LIKE...
...A WORD WITH YOU.

MIND IF I COME IN?